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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : GAO Audit of CIA

Sir:

1. The Agency Task Force which you asked be established to address the question of GAO audit of the CIA has now submitted their findings to you through the DDA. There is universal agreement that if GAO did audit CIA, there be certain restrictions as to the scope of audit, particularly those dealing with sources and methods and the protection of agents, contractors, etc.

2. The Action Plan Task Force under [REDACTED] in reviewing the matrix of potential legislation and fiscal controls recommended to you, the DCI take a position against GAO review of expenditures. We understand that in the catalog of legislation which you forwarded to John Marsh at the White House you took no position re for or against GAO audit of CIA unvouchered expenditures. STATINTL

3. If the Audit Task Force persuades you to take a position against GAO review of our unvouchered expenditures, then we should hasten to advise John Marsh of that fact.

4. You recall that GAO withdrew from audit of CIA earlier because they could not pursue unvouchered expenditures. If we are now to permit that audit to take place, then we would indeed be exposing to GAO our sensitive sources, methods, and people with whom we do business. I believe we should oppose this vigorously.

/s/ John F. Blake

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